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SUBJ: UNDP GC - 16 TH SESSION SAHELIAN ZONE DROUGHT

1. THIRTY GC MEMBERS TOOK PART IN DEBATE JUNE 21-22
SAHELIAN ITEM WHICH ADDED TO COUNCIL AGENDA AT BEGINNING
OF SESSION. UPPER VOLTA DEL SPEAKING ON BEHALF SIX AFFECTED
COUNTRIES GAVE POIGNANT DESCRIPTION OF PLIGHT HUMAN AND
ANIMAL POPULATIONS IN AFFECTED REGION AND APPEALED FOR
ACTION BY UNDP AND OTHER MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY. AFTER UNANIMOUS EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY
COUNCIL ADOPTED DECISION APPROVING MEASURES ALREADY
TAKEN OR CONTEMPLATED BY UNDP ADMINISTRATOR; RECOMMENDING
THAT ADMINISTRATOR TAKE FELEXIBLE APPROACH TO PLANNING
AND EXECUTING REGULAR PROGRAMS IN THE AFFECTED COUNTRIES;
AND REQUESTING THAT ADMINISTRATOR MAKE AVAILABLE RESOURCES
FOR FINANCING REGIONAL, INTERREGIONAL, AND GLOBAL
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PROGRAMS AIMED AT SOLVING MEDIUM AND LONG- TERM PROBLEMS FACING GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. COUNCIL SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED ADMINISTRATOR TO USE \$5,000,000 IN PROVIDING ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO SAHELIAN POPULATIONS OVER PERIOD 1973-1976, AND APPEALED TO WORLD PUBLIC OPINION AND TO MASS INFORMATION MEDIA FOR ACTION WHICH COULD LEAD TO INCREASED FLOWS TO GOVERNMENTS AND POPULATIONS OF THE SAHEL. ORIGINAL LANGUAGE OF DRAFT HAD MENTIONED " SHORT TERM" AID, BUT THIS REMOVED FROM DRAFT BEFORE DECISION AFTER BELGIUM, DENMARK, AUSTRIA, US AND OTHERS EXPRESSED OPPOSITION.

2. IN HIS INTERVENTION USDEL STRESSED LONG STANDING USG CONCERN OVER DETERIORATING CONDITIONS IN SAHEL; NOTING USG HAD ALREADY COMMITTED 156,000 MT GRAIN VALUED AT \$21,000,000, MAJORITY OF WHICH ALREADY SHIPPED OR ON ROUTE, AS WELL AS \$3,000,000 IN NON-FOOD AID INCLUDING \$3,000,000 TO FAO TRUST FUND. EXPRESSING SATISFACTION THAT GC ADDRESSING PROBLEM AT CURRENT SESSION USDEL CALLED ON UNDP TO CONCENTRATE ITS EFFORT ON MEDIUM AND LONG- TERM ASPECTS OF DROUGHT PROBLEM WHICH WITHIN UNDP' S MANDATE AS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. HE STATED IN CONCLUSION THAT USG LOOKING FORWARD TO JUNE 29 MEETING CONVENED BY SYG AND PREPARED PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY.

3. RESPONDING TO FRENCH, UK QUESTIONS REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR COORDINATING SAHELIAN ASSISTANCE WITHIN UN FAMILY, UNDP REGIONAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR AFRICA, DOO KINGUE, GAVE CLEAR EXPLANATION OF UN SECRETARY GENERAL' S (AND THROUGH DELEGATION UNDER SECRETARY MORSE' S) PRIMACY IN PROVIDING OVERALL COORDINATION, WITH FAODG BOERMA HAVING MAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. DOO KINGUE GAVE ASSURANCES UNDP ADMINISTRATOR NOT SEEKING SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES EITHER ON EMERGENCY OR MEDIUM/ LONGER RANGE ASPECTS OF PROBLEM BUT PREPARED TO ASSIST SYG IF REQUESTED IN DEALING WITH LATTER.

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4. FOLLOWING PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR BENNETT, ADMINISTRATOR PETERSON MADE INTERVENTION PRIOR TO ADOPTION BY COUNCIL OF DRAFT DECISION NOTING PROJECTED UNDP OVERCOMMITMENT IN 1972-1976 PROGRAM PERIOD OF \$88 MILLION. PETERSON PROMISED BEST EFFORT TO FIND EXTRA \$5 MILLION FOR SAHEL FROM PROGRAM RESERVE, REGIONAL FUNDS AND FUNDS

RESERVED FOR LEAST DEVELOPED, BUT STRESSED THAT
ORGANIZATION' S PRECARIOUS FINANCIAL SITUATION
COULD NOT BE IGNORED.

5. USDEL STATEMENT AND TEXT OF DECISION BEING
TRANSMITTED BY POUCH. BASSIN

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